

Amendments to the Claims:

1. **(Currently amended)** A hermetic compressor comprising:
a hermetic container for storing ~~an oil,~~ oil; and
a compressing element accommodated in the hermetic container ~~and~~ for compressing a refrigerant ~~gas,~~ gas;

wherein the compressing element ~~has:~~ has
a ~~compressing~~ compression chamber,
a cylinder forming the ~~compressing~~ compression chamber,
a piston inserted into the cylinder ~~and~~ for reciprocating therein, and
a suction muffler ~~whose~~ having one end ~~communicates~~ communicating with the ~~compressing chamber,~~ compression chamber; and
wherein the suction muffler ~~has:~~ has
a sound deadening space,
a gas flow forming part forming a gas flow flowing in a constant direction in the sound deadening space by providing an opening of an inlet pipe or an outlet pipe at a thin part of the sound deadening space, and
an oil ~~discharged~~ discharge opening provided in a downstream side of the gas flow in a lower part of the sound deadening space.

2. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 1, ~~further comprising: wherein~~
the gas flow forming part is formed by providing the opening of the inlet pipe at the thin part of the sound deadening space,

~~an~~ the inlet pipe ~~whose~~ has one end ~~opens~~ opening to the sound deadening space and ~~whose~~ an other end ~~opens~~ opening to the hermetic container,

wherein the inlet pipe opens while being extended to any one of an upper end face, a lower end face, a left end face and a right end face of the sound deadening space, thereby constituting the gas flow forming part.

3. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 1, ~~further comprising: wherein~~
the gas flow forming part is formed by providing the opening of the outlet pipe at the thin
part of the sound deadening space,
~~an~~ the outlet pipe ~~whose has~~ whose one end ~~opens opening~~ opens to the sound deadening space and
~~whose an~~ whose other end ~~opens opening~~ opens to the compressing chamber,
wherein the outlet pipe opens while being extended to any one of an upper end face, a
lower end face, a left end face and a right end face of the sound deadening space, thereby
constituting the gas flow forming part.
4. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 3,
wherein the outlet pipe is extended along ~~an~~ the upper end face of the sound deadening
space.
5. **(Currently Amendment)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 1,
wherein a lower face of the sound deadening space is constituted by a substantially
horizontal face, and the oil discharged opening is provided at an end part of the lower face of the
sound deadening space.
6. **(Currently Amendment)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 1,
wherein the suction muffler is formed with an annular gas passage in the sound deadening
space.
7. **(Original)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 5,
wherein the suction muffler is formed with an annular gas passage in the sound deadening
space.
8. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 2,

wherein a lower face of the sound deadening space is constituted by a substantially horizontal face, and the oil discharged opening is provided at an end part of the lower face of the sound deadening space.

9. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 3,
 wherein a lower face of the sound deadening space is constituted by a substantially horizontal face, and the oil discharged opening is provided at an end part of the lower face of the sound deadening space.
10. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 4,
 wherein a lower face of the sound deadening space is constituted by a substantially horizontal face, and the oil discharged opening is provided at an end part of the lower face of the sound deadening space.
11. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 2,
 wherein the suction muffler is formed with an annular gas passage in the sound deadening space.
12. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 3,
 wherein the suction muffler is formed with an annular gas passage in the sound deadening space.
13. **(Currently amended)** The hermetic compressor of ~~any one of~~ Claim 4,
 wherein the suction muffler is formed with an annular gas passage in the sound deadening space.
14. **(New)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 1, further comprising
 a visor, protruding as an eaves, above said oil discharge opening.

15. **(New)** The hermetic compressor of Claim 1, wherein
 the thin part of the sound deadening space is provided at a lower portion of a central part
of the sound deadening space, and
 the opening of the inlet pipe or the outlet pipe is provided at the lower portion of the
central part of the sound deadening space.

16. **(New)** A hermetic compressor comprising:
 a hermetic container for storing oil;
 a compressing element accommodated in said hermetic container for compressing a
refrigerant gas;
 said compressing element comprising a cylinder, and a piston disposed in said cylinder
for reciprocation, such that a compression chamber is defined by said cylinder and said piston;
and
 a suction muffler having a sound deadening space therein defined within walls including
a bottom wall and side walls;
 wherein said suction muffler comprises
 an inlet pipe, having an internal opening that opens into said sound deadening
space and an external opening that opens outside said sound deadening space, for inlet of the
refrigerant gas into said sound deadening space,
 an outlet pipe, having an internal opening that opens into said sound deadening
space and an external opening that opens outside said sound deadening space, for outlet of the
refrigerant gas from said sound deadening space, said external opening of said outlet pipe
communicating with said compression chamber of said compressing element, and
 an oil discharge opening provided at a bottom part of said sound deadening space
adjacent one of said side walls such that oil pooled near a junction of said bottom wall and said
one of said side walls can discharge through said oil discharge opening,

wherein at least one of said internal opening of said inlet pipe and said internal opening of said outlet pipe is disposed in a location within said sound deadening space so as to constitute a gas flow forming part that causes a flow of the refrigerant gas along said bottom part of said sound deadening space in a constant direction toward said oil discharge opening to cause the oil in said sound deadening space to pool at said oil discharge opening.

17. **(New)** The hermetic compressor of claim 16, wherein

said at least one of said internal opening of said inlet pipe and said internal opening of said outlet pipe is disposed in the location within said sound deadening space so that said gas flow forming part causes the refrigerant gas to flow along a generally annular path within said sound deadening space.

18 **(New)** The hermetic compressor of claim 17, wherein

said sound deadening space comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion being thinner than said upper portion; and

said lower portion of said sound deadening space has a center portion and side portions on opposing sides of said center portion, said center portion being thinner than said side portions.

19. **(New)** The hermetic compressor of claim 16, wherein

said sound deadening space comprises an upper portion and a lower portion, said lower portion being thinner than said upper portion; and

said lower portion of said sound deadening space has a center portion and side portions on opposing sides of said center portion, said center portion being thinner than said side portions.

20. **(New)** The hermetic compressor of claim 16, further comprising

a visor, protruding as an eaves, above said oil discharge opening.